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REQUEST FOR AGENCY COMMENTS ON THE PRELIMINARY STAFF ASSESSMENT FOR THE WALNUT CREEK ENERGY PARK (WCEP) (05-AFC-2)

Dear Mr. Prescott:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has received your Request for Agency Comments on the Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) for the project mentioned above.

Based on the review of the document, DTSC comments are as follows:

- 1. The PSA states the project site is an 11.48 acre parcel, and is currently occupied by a warehouse, which is presently used by Coastal Group/ARC for electric waste collection and recycling activities. The PSA further states the WCEP site is located within an industrial area that includes warehousing, manufacturing and transportation (railroad and intermodal rail/truck yard) uses, electric transmission lines, and the Southern California Edison Walnut Substation. DTSC recommends environmental investigation to identify and determine whether current or historic uses at the project area have resulted in any release of hazardous wastes/substances, and to evaluate whether conditions at the site pose a threat to human health or the environment.
- 2. All environmental investigation and/or remediation should be conducted under a Work Plan which is approved by a regulatory agency who has jurisdiction to oversee hazardous waste cleanups.
- 3. If during construction of the project, soil contamination is suspected, construction in the area should stop, and appropriate health and safety procedures should be implemented. If it is determined that contaminated soils exist, the PSA should identify how any required investigation and/or remediation will be conducted, and which government agency will provide regulatory oversight.

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DTSC provides guidance for Preliminary Endangerment Assessment preparation and cleanup oversight through the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP). For additional information on the VCP please visit DTSC's web site at www.dtsc.ca.gov. If you would like to meet and discuss this matter further, please contact Mr. Alberto Valmidiano, Project Manager, at (818) 551-2870 or me at (818) 551-2980.

Sincerely,

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